

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Geology and the other earth sciences are fundamental to the safety, health, and welfare of South Dakotans and to the economy of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The earth sciences are integral to finding, developing, and protecting water, mineral, and energy resources needed for South Dakota's prosperity; and,

Whereas, The earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, droughts, expansive soils, landslides, and sinkholes experienced in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The earth sciences are crucial to environmental issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal; and,

Whereas, An understanding of the earth sciences is vital to land management and land use decisions made in South Dakota; and,

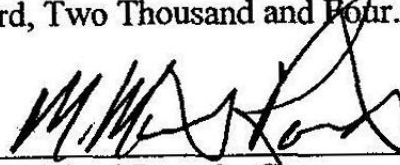
Whereas, The earth sciences contribute critical pieces to our understanding and appreciation of our respect for nature:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 10-16, 2004, as

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

